

I oppose this legislation and urge a "no" vote on the underlying legislation. And as a former Marine, I have benefitted from many programs that help veterans with education and training. As a continuation of those efforts, we must not let these people fall through the cracks that we have in our employment laws.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

May I respond simply to the arguments about our veterans because they are so important to us. Let me reiterate that H.R. 27 does not harm worker-retaining programs for veterans. Not one dollar from this account comes that is meant to help veterans with their training. The programs that we already have in place, specifically the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program, the Local Veterans Employment Representative Program, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, already are required to contribute to the infrastructure of these one-stop career center programs. Any money that would come to the one-stop center would be coming out of their administrative funds, not from the money going directly to the training of veterans. That is an area that was specifically covered in this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In closing, my friends on the other side have had numerous objections to provisions in H.R. 27. They have a right to do so and I expect it will be warmly discussed in the ensuing discussion of the bill itself. I believe strongly in the ability of our States, Governors, local boards, workforce boards, to be creative and innovative. There is no omniscient power that we have here. People can think for themselves in other parts of this country. And the essence of our government demands that we give them the opportunity to succeed without the benevolent help of the Federal Government.

Our job, might I remind my colleagues, is to make sure the Micaelas of the world never slip through the cracks. I believe, and I have confidence in the ability of local governments to be creative and effective, and I think so does H.R. 27. What we have today is a confusing patchwork of employment, training services. The duplication of those reduces the amount of money we get to use to help Micaelas. Many amendments that we will be discussing on the floor have also been discussed in committee. A lot of other amendments were heard in the committee. This was fully discussed in committee and voted upon.

May I just, in closing, ask us not to lose sight that the goal is service and how to provide training for people which is given without any precondition. Hiring practices that are protected by existing law are that, protected by existing law. If we feel there is a problem with that, then we should attack the existing law, and there are venues to do that. This is not the venue in this particular bill. Faith-based institutions out there, which are not rich, are still nevertheless effective. They care. They have the same goal as we do. Our goal should be to try to join hands to help all the Micaelas in the world solve the problem of employment, retraining, and servicing, not to try to change our friends in other particular ways but to join together on a common front, in a common effort, to help people, not to harm people.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge adoption of the rule and the underlying legislation.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the structured rule that has been reported out of the Committee on Rules for this debate. The party-line vote of 220–204 that we saw in the 108th Congress on the debate of the then H.R. 1261 should evidence the need for the most open debate over the issues. The need for debate arises from disagreement. As representatives of the United States Congress, we all have a duty to fully debate the issues on behalf of our constituents. A restricted rule precludes that opportunity.

Nevertheless, I am pleased that the amendments of my colleagues from Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia respectively have been ruled in order.

Passage of these three important amendments will bring H.R. 27 one step closer to providing more jobs and better opportunities for American workers to receive training for these jobs. Without them and many other suggestions that have been made by our colleagues, this bill fails as to both initiatives. In the short term, extending unemployment benefits, coupled with the assistance that unemployed workers can receive through one-stop service centers, will provide workers with the means to achieve high paying jobs.

We must address the needs of our unemployed now and in a manner that respects the rights of individuals regardless of their faith, while they are struggling to pay their mortgages and to put food on the table for their families. The base bill will fail to address these concerns and squander resources better used to provide immediate help to our unemployed workers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject a restrictive rule or to support the amendments offered by Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. SCOTT.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 3:15 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 3:15 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule xx, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 126, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 912, by the yeas and nays.

Without objection, the minimum time for electronic voting on the second question will be reduced to 5 minutes, notwithstanding the intervention of remarks concerning the passing of a former Member.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 27, JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 126, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 191, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 42]

YEAS—227

Aderholt	Bilirakis	Bradley (NH)
Akin	Bishop (UT)	Brady (TX)
Alexander	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Bachus	Blunt	Brown-Waite,
Baker	Boehert	Ginny
Barrett (SC)	Boehner	Burgess
Bartlett (MD)	Bonilla	Burton (IN)
Barton (TX)	Bonner	Buyer
Bass	Bono	Calvert
Beauprez	Boozman	Camp
Biggart	Boustany	Cannon

Cantor
Capito
Carter
Castle
Chabot
Chocola
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Cox
Crenshaw
Cubin
Culberson
Cunningham
Davis (KY)
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeLay
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Doolittle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Ehlers
Emerson
English (PA)
Everett
Feeney
Fitzpatrick (PA)
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Fox
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Green (WI)
Gutknecht
Hall
Hart
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hensarling
Herger
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hostettler
Hulshof
Hunter

NAYS—191

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown, Corrine
Butterfield
Capps
Cardin
Cardoza

Hyde
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Istook
Jenkins
Jindal
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Keller
Kelly
Kennedy (MN)
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
LoBiondo
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon
McMorris
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Moran (KS)
Murphy
Muscgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nunes
Nussle
Osborne
Otter
Oxley
Paul
Pearce
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts

Platts
Poe
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Price (GA)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reynolds
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Saxton
Schwarz (MI)
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Sodrel
Souder
Stearns
Sullivan
Sweeney
Tancredo
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Turner
Upton
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Emanuel
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Ford
Frank (MA)
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Herseth
Higgins
Hinchee
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Inslee

Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kind
Kucinich
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lynch
Maloney
Marshall
Matheson
McCarthy
McCollum (MN)
McDermott
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Melancon
Menendez

NOT VOTING—15

Capuano
Carson
Cleaver
Ferguson
Foley
Gillmor
Harris
Markey
McGovern
Meeks (NY)
Millender-
McDonald

□ 1545

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Messrs. BECERRA, CHANDLER, RUPPERSBERGER and TAYLOR of Mississippi changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on the previous vote which was rollcall no. 42, I inadvertently voted “yes.” I want the record to reflect that I meant to vote “no.”

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 1 minute.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF FORMER COLLEAGUE TILLIE FOWLER

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to inform the House that our good friend and our distinguished former colleague from Florida, Tillie Fowler, passed away today at 10:30 a.m. Tillie epitomized the very meaning of class, and she was the Southern lady in this House. She was a rare find, an example to all Members of Congress in her patriotism and her bipartisanship, and to women everywhere in her ability to attain the highest levels of power while always putting her family first. Our prayers

Schwartz (PA)
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sherman
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

are with Tillie's family during this difficult time, and we will all miss her greatly.

Her loved ones should know that Tillie left them, our country, and all who had the good fortune to know her a wonderful and lasting legacy.

And, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW) for a further announcement.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. Tillie had an awful lot of friends in this Chamber. And for those of you that will not be able to go to Jacksonville for the funeral service on Friday, next Tuesday night we have reserved a time of Special Order to celebrate her life and her service. And so if you would like to be part of that celebration, if you would please contact my office.

Tillie was a remarkable woman. She was a rare combination of passionate drive and dedication coupled with just a warm and caring feeling for all the people around her, and she will be missed by not only her family, but her friends in this Chamber, by the people of Florida, as well as the people of this Nation whom she so proudly served. So I am sure you all join as we send our thoughts and prayers to her husband Buck, and her two daughters in this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the previous order by unanimous consent of earlier today, this next question will be a 5-minute vote.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CODE OF CONDUCT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 912.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 912, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, answered “present” 1, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 43]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Barrett (SC)	Biggert
Ackerman	Barrow	Blirakis
Aderholt	Bartlett (MD)	Bishop (GA)
Akin	Barton (TX)	Bishop (NY)
Alexander	Bass	Bishop (UT)
Andrews	Bean	Blackburn
Baca	Beauprez	Blumenauer
Bachus	Becerra	Blunt
Baird	Berkley	Boehert
Baker	Berman	Boehner
Baldwin	Berry	Bonilla